

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 13, 2005 and the corrected Office Action mailed October 25, 2005 have been carefully reviewed and, in view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 12, 14-28, and 30-41 are currently pending in the application, with claims 12, 21, 32, and 41 being independent claims. Claims 1-8 and 10-11 are cancelled, in accordance with the above amendments. The Applicants, however, expressly reserve the right to file a continuation application to the cancelled claims.

According to the Office Actions, claims 12, 14-28, and 30-41 are allowed. The Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the rejections be withdrawn and that this application now be allowed.

This Amendment is being timely filed by facsimile transmission on November 9, 2005. Should additional fees or an extension of time be deemed necessary for consideration of this Amendment, such fees or extension are hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 for payment. If anything further is desirable to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned representative at (503) 425-6800.

Respectfully submitted,

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